

inside my trap on the 1st and 8th October and on the 5th, 6th and 21st October, single specimens were at rest underneath it (it is raised off the ground on bricks). Whether it was the same individual is not known, but the previous night's captives are released after dark 75 yards from the trap with a belt of trees and shrubs between the light and the release point. There have been several *I. io* in the garden on sunny days for some weeks. — J. A. C. GREENWOOD, The Thatches, Forest Road, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

BEIRNE: A LITTLE-KNOWN ERROR. — I have only recently noticed a serious error in B. P. Beirne's *British Pyralid and Plume Moths* that should be brought to the notice of British microlepidopterists. This concerns the two species *Pterophorus (Alucita) tridactyla* (Linn.) and *P. baliodactylus* Zell. On plate 15 of the new colour illustration (1954) edition these two species are depicted wrongly. Fig. 11 is really *baliodactylus* and fig. 12 is *tridactyla*. Having realised the error I looked up in my back numbers of the *Entomologist's Record* to see whether this was realised at the time. Sure enough, H. C. Huggins in one of his "Notes on the Microlepidoptera", pointed out the mistake (*Ent. Rec.*, 66: 294).

However, at the present time too many people seem to be ignorant of the error and therefore record the wrong species. How many microlepidopterists of the present generation have the *Entomologist's Record* for 1954, let alone read it? Huggins also points out that the figure of *Platyptilia ochrodactyla* (D. & S.) (Pl. 15, fig. 3) appears to be a worn specimen. Fresh specimens are always of the same tint as that of the figured *P. pallidactyla* (Haw.).

Recently published records of these species must be treated with caution and special care should be exercised when supplying records for Vol. 6 of the *Butterflies and Moths of Great Britain and Ireland*. — S. E. WHITEBREAD, Hofackerstrasse 7, CH-4132 Muttenz, Switzerland, 12.xi.76.

COLOCASIA CORYLI L. F. MELANOTICA HAVERKAMPF IN OXFORDSHIRE. — I was interested to read about C. G. M. de Worms taking the melanic form of the Nut-tree Tussock in the Woking area of Surrey, as I took a specimen of this variety at Hooton cum Studley, near Oxford, in June 1969. It is of a dark brown colour, and has no white markings at all. — Rev. GUY A. FORD, The Rookery Farmhouse, Norton, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

BLAIR'S MOCHA (CYCLOPHORA PUPPILLARIA HBN.) AND OTHER INTERESTING MOTHS IN HANTS. IN 1976. — There was a female of *C. pupillaria* in very fresh condition in the m.v. trap in the garden here on 22nd July. Two very unusual wanderers were *Amathes agathina* Dup. on 19th September and *Eumichtis lichenea* Hbn. on 27th September, both at m.v. and both worn. *Cosmia diffinis* L. appeared on 19th July. These last three species were new to my trap. — C. H. DIXON, Northbrook Farm, Micheldever Station, Hants.